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Applicant: Yao Wang, Mohamed Chehadeh and Quang Vu  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING ADDITIONAL  
RESOURCES FOR A HOST COMPUTER

Examiner: Adnan M. Mirza  
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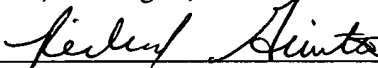
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Office Action mailed June 10, 2004 Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. The Office Action rejected each of the pending claims (i.e., claims 1-61) under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as purportedly being obvious over Staheli (5,537,533) in view of Firooz (6,145,019). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Initially, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Mirza for the courtesies extended in granting and conducting telephone interviews on September 8, 2004 and September 9, 2004. The substance of each of these interviews is summarized below.

As discussed during the telephone interview of September 8, 2004, Firooz discloses a PC in which peripheral devices (e.g., magnetic disk drives, compact disc drives, and tape drives) may be automatically configured as primary or secondary devices upon start up of the PC so that two peripheral devices can operate using the same internal bus of the PC. Applicants pointed out that Firooz does not disclose the automatic configuration of a host computer, but rather discloses automatic configuration of peripheral devices. Applicants further pointed out that Firooz discloses configuring these peripheral devices upon start up of the PC, but does not disclose performing automatic configuration in response to detecting a decrease in performance.